

**Flint Promise Zone Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting**

*May 5, 2021 at 12pm*

*Virtual Meeting*

*519 S. Saginaw Street*

*Flint, MI 48502*

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm by Flint Promise Zone Authority Co-chair Lottie Ferguson.

**Roll Call/Remote Attendance Announcement:**

A roll call was taken for meeting attendance, as well as to introduce where participants were located physically during the virtual meeting.

Members Present: Moses Bingham (Flint), Jamie Gaskin (Genesee County), Kristina Johnston (Genesee County), Steve Tunnicliff (Flint), Lottie Ferguson (Flint), Beverly Walker-Griffiea (Flint), Isiah Oliver (Flint), Lauren Holaly-Zembo (Flint), Mathew Bohlen (Flint), Anita Steward (Genesee County)

Members Absent: Roberty McMahan

**Public Comments:**

No public comments were made at this time.

**Presentation & Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes from regular Flint Promise Zone Authority meetings on September 2, 2020 and October 14, 2020 were presented for review and approval. Holaly-Zembo made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Gaskin. A roll call vote was taken:

Bingham – Aye

Bohlen – Aye

Ferguson – Aye

Gaskin – Aye

Holaly-Zembo – Aye

Johnston – Aye

McMahon – Not present

Oliver – Aye

Steward – Aye

Tunnicliff – Aye

Walker-Griffiea – Aye

Motion carried.

**Agenda Items:**

Development Plan Update

Flint Promise support staff, Eric Andreychuk, presented revisions made to the Flint Promise Zone Authority Development Plan as recommended by the State Treasury Department. A motion to

approve the plan with revisions as presented was made by Johnston. Motion supported by Bingham.

A roll call vote followed:

Bingham – Aye

Bohlen – Aye

Ferguson – Aye

Gaskin – Aye

Holaly-Zembo – Aye

Johnston – Aye

McMahon – Not present

Oliver – Aye

Steward – Aye

Tunncliffe – Aye

Walker-Griffa – Aye

Motion carried.

Ferguson presented an invitation to the Flint Promise Zone Authority to join the Michigan Promise Zone Association, an organization that convenes promise zone authorities in the State to collaborate, benchmark, and advocate on their behalf. A motion was made by Gaskin to accept the invitation. The motion was seconded by Oliver. A roll call vote followed:

Bingham – Aye

Bohlen – Aye

Ferguson – Aye

Gaskin – Aye

Holaly-Zembo – Aye

Johnston – Aye

McMahon – Not present

Oliver – Aye

Steward – Aye

Tunncliffe – Aye

Walker-Griffa – Aye

Motion carried.

#### Flint Promise Updates:

Flint Promise support staff, Amy Watts and Dennis Williams-Mitchell presented general updates on the Flint Promise Zone. Most notably was the announcement of two graduates with Bachelors degrees from the University of Michigan-Flint and 9 from Mott Community College with Associates degrees. Additionally, three students expressed their gratitude and shared their experience

#### General Discussion:

Ferguson opened the floor to any general discussion amongst Authority members.

Oliver recommended that there be more meetings of the Steering Committee of the Flint Promise Zone to share more information as it becomes available, hear more from students on the process and how it can be made better, and to strategize on ways the public and private dollars can be utilized.

Ferguson informed the Authority members that an upcoming meeting schedule will be put in place but will be as needed and set at a later date for at least twice per year.

**Adjournment:**

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Oliver and supported by Tunnicliff. On a voice vote, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:25pm.